

From: William A.Pauwels, Sr.
To: judi bron
Date: 1/16/02 8:58am
Subject: More on the Microsoft Settlement

Judi,

Your unhappiness with Microsoft represents a need that another company should exploit. If they were any good they would already be doing so. It is not the Governments business to make Microsoft less competitive.

I sympathize with the technical problems you are having. I go nuts when I have them, which is fairly often. Let's face it, personal computer technology is at the Model-T stage of development. The V-8 hasn't been invented yet. Let's hope it happens soon.

There are so many things the Government should be focused on . . . like preserving good manufacturing jobs in America. Why they keep attacking good American companies makes no sense. Where do they think the good jobs are going to come from?

Also, I think the overpayment of Corporate Executives is a National and perhaps International disgrace. I say that as the 18 year President and COO of a mid-sized multinational company (now semi-retired). It is one thing to invest and risk your own capital and make a fortune . . . it is quit another thing to be given exorbitant salaries and lucrative stock option deals. I know all the arguments about creating value, but this value should be shared with the employees and not hogged up by a handful of greedy executives.

Anyway, I appreciate you perspective.

All the best!

Bill Pauwels, Sr.
1-16-02

judi b wrote:

> A month ago I would hav agreed with you and then some, but then I had an
> experience. You know that I am legally blind and work on adaptive
> equipment. I downloaded IE6 and OE6 and they weren't that compatable with
> my screen reader. I called in a tech for a lot of money and asked him if he
> could remove IE6 and OE6 and reinstall OE5 and IE5. It was a brutal job but
> he eventually did it. In short, because there were componants of the 6
> family left in the computer that microsoft designed to not be removed the
> install of the 5 family really messed up my computer. I could not write an
> Email and I could not write on the net. In other words I could not write on
> a search engine a subject I wanted to search for. Since I hav thousands
> of hours of work on this machine and none of it gets anywhere if I don't

> have Email, which the reinstall of the 5 family left me with, I spent a
 > harrowing weekend wondering if I would ever send out another article. Bill
 > Gates deserves what he has earned and deserves the notoriety for what he has
 > accomplished. However, why does he have this desire to totally take over
 > every computer to the extent that changes cannot be made because the
 > componants in his software can never get out of a system once they get in?
 > Bill, if you buy a house with a garage would it be fair that the only car
 > that the garage could hold be a chevy? I know this analogy is far fetched
 > but there is nothing else that I know of that dominates like Microsoft. The
 > upshot of my problem is that I reinstalled the 6 family and am living with
 > the inconveniences that occur with my screen reader, its better than having
 > no Email and no ability to search on the net. Judi
 > ----- Original Message -----
 > From: "William A.Pauwels, Sr." <wap1102@ix.netcom.com>
 > To: <microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov>
 > Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2002 6:01 PM
 > Subject: Microsoft Settlement
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 >> The case against Microsoft should be dropped. Microsoft has made GREAT
 >> contributions to the well-being of mankind and to its institutions.
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 >> The Justice Dept.'s persecution of SUCCESSFUL American companies because
 >> their competitors don't like them and/or can't measure-up in the
 >> marketplace, is ridiculous.
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 >> If the Justice Dept. is looking for something to champion, why not go
 >> after the thousands of FOREIGN companies doing business in the USA while
 >> violating American Antitrust Laws.
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 >> Sincerely,
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 >> William A. Pauwels, Sr.
 >> 1-15-02
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